



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6557

January Session, 2005

* _____HB06557APP____050305_____*

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS AND
ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each health care provider
2 licensed in this state with prescriptive authority may generate
3 prescriptions in this state utilizing an electronic prescribing system.
4 The Department of Public Health shall advise and assist health care
5 providers in such utilization.

6 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 1-283 of the general statutes is
7 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
8 *October 1, 2005*):

9 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of section 1-277
10 and section 1 of this act, sections 1-266 to 1-286, inclusive, do not
11 require a governmental agency in this state to use or permit the use of
12 electronic records or electronic signatures.

13 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) A health care institution
14 licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v
15 of the general statutes may create, maintain or utilize medical records
16 or a medical records system in electronic format, paper format or both,
17 provided such records or system are designed to store medical records
18 or patient health information in a medium that is reproducible and

19 secure.

20 Sec. 4. Section 19a-639a of the general statutes is amended by adding
21 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

22 (NEW) (c) The Office of Health Care Access may, in its discretion,
23 exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638
24 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to
25 purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after
26 October 1, 2005.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	1-283(e)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	19a-639a

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